develpoment and modernisation of minining methods in iron ore mines; and

(d) if so, what are the details of iron mines selected for development in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Development and mormodernisation of mining methods of iron-ore mines are taken up on a continuing bssis. Inspections carried out by the officers of the Indian Bureau of Mines also ensure that the mining methods adopted are scientific and keep in view the norms of conservation of mineral resources. A note indicating the development and modernisation programmes in the captive iron ore mines of the Steel Authority of India Limited in Orissa is given in the enclosed statement. In addition to this, a feasibility study to enhance the production capacity of iron-ore mines belonging to the Orissa Mineral Department Company Limited in Keonjhar District of Orissa is also in progress.

Statement

Development of Captive Iron Ore Mines of SAIL in Orissa

Bolani Ore Mines : As part of the modernisation project of Durgapur Steel Plant complete wet washing and screening facilities envisaged to be set up at Bolani for upgrading its lump and fine ore:

Barsua Iron Ore Mines :

(1) Measures have been initiated to raise the tailing dam in 2 stages of 5 meters each.

(2) Tests are being continuously conducted at Barsua Mines for preferential washing of AL 203 in the iron ore fines.

(3) Tests on the usability on the sline cakes by upgradation through wet high intenstity magnetic separation methods are being done. This will decrease the slime losses.

Kalta Iron Ore Mines: A project has been taken up for mechanically screening the ore and recovering the fines, so that not only the cost if lump ore will come down but the fines with richer Fe content would also be effectively used at Rourkela Steel Plant

Losses due to Floods in States

1629. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have been effective by the recent floods ;

(b) if so, what are the name of those States and the extent of damage caused to human lives, crops and cattle wealth due to floods ; and

(c) the extent of assistance provided by the Central Government to those States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) : Statewise details of a extent of damages caused due to floods after the onset of monsoon 1986, as reported by the States, are indicated in the Annexture. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX Annexure No. 93]

(c) Memorendum seeking Central assistance for flood relief has been received only from Government of Punjab on 4-8-1986, and the same is under consideration.

Allotment of Government Quarters in Connaught Lane in New Delhi

1630. SHRI ROSHAN LAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :